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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) In a device for pumping fuel, having a suction jet pump that has a fuel line and a mixing conduit, in which, in a first partial section of the fuel line oriented toward the mixing conduit, a nozzle-like constriction with a nozzle opening is provided, and the fuel line communicates fluidically with the mixing conduit via the nozzle opening, the improvement comprising at least one rib between the first partial section of the fuel line and the mixing conduit.

12. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the at least one rib connects the first partial section of the fuel line to the mixing conduit in one piece.

13. (New) The device as defined by claim 12, wherein the at least one rib is flat or curved in the flow direction.

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14. (New) The device as defined by claim 12, wherein the at least one rib originating at the first partial section of the fuel line, extends in the axial and radial directions as far as the mixing conduit.

15. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the at least one rib protrudes past the nozzle opening in the direction of the mixing conduit.

16. (New) The device as defined by claim 12, wherein a plurality of ribs are disposed about the first partial section of the fuel line.

17. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the first partial section of the fuel line is disposed concentrically to the mixing conduit.

18. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, further comprising an annular inlet opening into the mixing conduit between the first partial section of the fuel line and the mixing conduit.

19. (New) The device as defined by claim 18, wherein the wall thickness of the at least one rib, viewed in the axial direction with respect to an axis of the mixing conduit, is small compared to the cross section of the inlet opening of the mixing conduit.

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20. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the first partial section of the fuel line, having the nozzle-like constriction, and the mixing conduit are inserted into a housing of the suction jet pump.